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Also enclosed is a copy of JP 62-16736 with English abstract cited and discussed on page 1 of the application. It corresponds to U.S. 4,463,794. A Form PTO/SB/08 listing three references is attached to this Statement.

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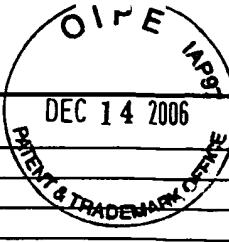
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